GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANDING AND STREAMLINE THE PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand and streamline the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Public Distribution System was in a state of collapse and that the targetedsystem, which replaced the universal one, had bailed;

(d) if so, whether the Government have any plans to scrap the present targeted system to reintroduce the universal PDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a)&(b): The review of Public Distribution System (PDS), its impact and the reforms, etcis a continuous process for improving its efficiency and effectiveness.

(c): No Sir.

(d): No Sir.

(e): Does not arise.